

Amendment No. 1 to HB2740

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 2622

House Bill No. 2740*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-53-303, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, a municipality, as defined in § 13-16-102, or a corporation shall not issue a bond for a project located in an industrial park in which the siting of an agricultural processing operation that complies with all applicable environmental and food safety laws, rules, and regulations is prohibited.

(2)

(A) As used in this subsection (), "agricultural processing operation" includes, but is not limited to, a slaughterhouse, meat processing facility, winery, dairy bottler, and creamery.

(B) Subdivision ()(2)(A) does not limit or supplement the definition of "agriculture" in §§ 1-3-105 and 43-1-113.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 7, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Notwithstanding § 5-1-118, § 6-54-126, title 13, or another law to the contrary, the construction and operation of a custom slaughterer or a commercial slaughterhouse that is subject to inspection under the federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. § 601 et seq.), is exempt from local zoning requirements if the custom slaughterer or commercial slaughterhouse:

(1) Is located outside the corporate limits of a municipality, on:

(A) Agricultural land, as defined in § 67-5-1004; or

(B) Land that is zoned for agricultural use;

(2) Complies with all applicable environmental and food safety laws, rules, and regulations; and

(3) Kills one hundred (100) or less animal units per week. As used in this subdivision (a)(3), "animal unit" means one (1) cow, two (2) hogs, or four (4) sheep.

(b) Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, the operator of a custom slaughterer or commercial slaughterhouse that is located in a county that does not have county zoning but outside the corporate limits of a municipality, or that meets the criteria of subsection (a), is authorized to process both animals that are raised on the same premises as the custom slaughterer or commercial slaughterhouse and animals that are delivered from other premises to the custom slaughterer or commercial slaughterhouse.

(c) Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, the operator of a commercial slaughterhouse that is located in a county that does not have county zoning but outside the corporate limits of a municipality, or that meets the criteria of subsection (a), may offer for retail sale to the public meat from animals processed at the commercial slaughterhouse.

(d) This section does not apply in a county having a metropolitan form of government and a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), or in a county having a population in excess of nine hundred thousand (900,000), according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census, or in counties having a population, according to the 2020 federal census or a subsequent federal census, of:

not less than:

366,200

478,900

nor more than:

366,300

479,000

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.